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Oral History Interview with Madaleine Wyatt of Sebastopol
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EM: Mrs. Wyatt would you tell me your full name and your maiden name?

MW: Full name is Madaleine Claudette (Vaughn) my maiden name and Wyatt.

EM: Who were you named after?

MW: My mother

EM: What was your mother like?

MW: She was a wonderful person and a wonderful teacher.

EM: When were you born

MW: 1909 here in this house, upstairs. When I came back here I inherited the house and I just enjoyed it. My husband wanted to build a new one but I just couldn't think of it. I'm just happy here and he was also after he grew older.

EM: What is your family's ancestry or nationality?

MW: Well they're mainly English and German and Irish and Scot and somewhere way back French.

EM: So the Vaughn's were English
MW: Yes.
EM: And your grandfather Miller was he German.
MW: Yes

EM: Who was the first person in your family to come to the United States ?

MW: Tom Miller

EM: Did he come over first before your grandfather?

MW: No he didn't come over first...but

EM: Oh he came first to Sonoma County?

MW: My grandfather settled in the South. My grandfather came out in 1890 and then my mother and father came out in 1895.

EM: And they came from where?

MW: Well they had left Texas. My grandfather came out (to Sonoma County) at first and to see his brother, Tom Miller. and let's see..

EM: What brought your great uncle, your grandfather's brother here. Why did he come to Sonoma County from Texas?

MW: I don't know. you'd have to ask one of , I don't know who you'd ask, who would know that.

EM: (question cut out)

MW: He just died recently .. Denman Barlow and he was one of the older children and his son is young Tom.

EM: So Denman Barlow would have been your uncle?

MW: Cousin I've forgotten which one, second, third?

EM: It's gets complicated with many generations.

MW: Yes

EM: Well we know when they arrived. What possessions did they bring with them? How did they emigrate? It's not like people crossing the plains by conestoga wagon. Did they come by train?

MW: They must have because my grandfather they used to travel in Texas.

EM: It might have been stagecoaches or something like that.

MW: Yes because.. let's see my mother brought some furniture out so how would that be it was shipped out. I some furniture upstairs I want to give it to my granddaughter and daughter.

EM: Do you know any stories they might have told about what life was like before they came here? Did your grandfather tell you any stories about Texas? About living in Texas?

MW: I don't think so, I can't remember any.

EM: When they first came here did your grandfather buy this house or did he live someplace else.

MW: No he...my uncle was here before my grandfather. Old uncle Pierce. yes he came out to see his son, my grandfather instead of his brother. He was a practicing physician in Sebastopol. You know where that house is across from ..it's apartment houses now, across from the Masonic Temple. Remember that big building that used to be on the corner.

EM: Across from the Masonic Hall is the Safeway. ?

MW: No just on the same side there is on Wallace.

EM: That big Queen Anne building.

MW: The big one that they tore down and built into apartments. That was my uncle's private sanitary(?) So his father was a doctor too. And he practiced in town. I don't have any pictures, I did have. But my sister had them and she doesn't know what became of them.

EM: So Pierce Miller, was that James Pierce Miller?

MW: Yes,

EM: That was your uncle?

MW: He was my mother's brother.

EM: I remember seeing his name and hearing of his practice. What happened to that family? Did he die here in Sebastopol?

MW: No he went to , he retired and went to Lake County. He loved to hunt and fish so after he retired he went to Lake County. And then he took ill ..had some sick spells so his daughter insisted that he come over and spend the rest of his time with her and she only had the one child and he was grown and away from home. So Uncle Pierce went over to Stockton and lived with Viola Miller, his daughter.

EM: Oh Viola was his daughter, I've seen records of her owning a home on Wilton Street.

MW: Yes his wife was Viola too.

EM: Oh, OK, it's gets confusing when people name their children with their names.

MW: The first Viola, the mother was English too. She was Viola (Paddock?)

EM: Let me ask you. Some people found some information that James Pierce Miller, the doctor, and they said he received his education in Kentucky. Is that some connection?

MW: No I have relatives there but no he was.

EM: Might he have gone to medical school in Kentucky?

MW: Ann Arbor, Michigan and his sister, my aunt was a doctor too and she went to school in Ann Arbor. And I'm not sure where my grandfather..I'm sure it was Ann Arbor, Michigan too. They all three graduated from there.

EM: It's amazing and then they ended up settling in Texas. People really moved around the country trying different places. Do you know where your grandparents were born?

MW: My mother's family one in Tennessee and one in Arkansas. But which is which.

EM: How about your father's?

MW: My father was born in Alabama but then soon afterwards they moved to Georgia and then my father wound up on Florida. And then I don't know which medical school he was going to because he and my uncle was friendly. I guess he went to Ann Arbor and was studying to be a doctor. Now you see why my mother said..."I love you but could not marry you, I could not be the wife of a doctor" They are called at all hours and sit up with patients until they pass the crisis. So she said I've seen my mother and with tears in her eyes she'd be packed to take a vacation and there'd be a case. My grandfather would have a patient in critical condition and he couldn't leave. My grandmother would take all the clothes out of the trunk that she'd packed up nicely and one time they were going to Europe and that was... and so that had to be put off too. So, you asked if they had anything when they came. they had money, they were well to do.

EM: Can you tell me all your grandparents full names?

MW: Let's see, my mother never had a middle name. She was just Madaleine.

EM: That's your mother

MW: Wait a minute, my grandparents names? Oh yes, my father's name was James Vaughn, I don't know his second name. And his mother's name was Indiana because she was born in Indiana.

EM: Oh wonderful. And how about your mother's family?

MW: Her father was Robert Adam Miller. Her mother was Maybella. My mother's sister was named for her.

EM: Do you where your grandparents are buried?

MW: No. My grandfather, Robert Adam Miller is in Evergreen. Here in Sebastopol.

EM: and your grandmother?

MW: She passed away in Texas, she was buried there.

EM: And your father's parents?

MW: He was with his other son, he'd left and went to live with the other son in Texas and passed away there. Tyler, Texas.

EM: Now we go to the next generation. What are the names of your own parents? Just for the record.

MW: My father had three names really, but J.H.W. Vaughn but..

EM: What do they stand for?

MW: John William Henry. And so when he came to Sebastopol he thought..well, they used to call him Johnny apparently. Most relatives called him Johnny. and he said I feel like I've used Johnny out so I'm going to change it and go by Henry. So when he came to Sebastopol he went by Henry.

EM: That's interesting. Many people used many initials or their whole name they'd been given so they ended up with three initials in that era. How about your mother's name?

MW: Madaleine Miller. She never had a middle name, I don't know why.

EM: We've talked about where they were born.

MW: Kincaid, that was my grandmother's maiden name, Maybella Kincaid. Then there is a McKinsey in there too someplace. I guess that sounds like Scotch.

EM: What were your parents like?

MW: They just,

EM: We're talked about your mother. What was your father like?

MW: I don't know, I just worshipped them.

EM: Were they nice, even tempered people.

MW: Yes

EM: Temperamental people?

MW: No not all

EM: They didn't get angry at you when you did things as a child.

MW: No they must have had words I know. They must have had words between them. But it was never in front of the children. My brother is twelve years older then I and my sister is nine years older than I. And she's still living. She was born in 1900 in Santa Rosa. And it's easy to keep track of her age. In February the day before my birthday, Feb. 24th, She'll be 96. Now did I answer all of that?

EM: So far. How did your family make a living. Usually just the father worked didn't they or did your mother work?

MW: Well coming from the family that she did she learned a lot about nursing but never did she graduate of course. And she majored in music. But she did nurse for different doctors only after the first World War and my uncle, her brother just begged her to take in some very bad cases of influenza. And he begged her, at first he just asked her. Then he started begging her. Saying "sister I'm going to lose these patients unless you can help me out by nursing." So then she started nursing and I guess she nursed off and on until I guess the last case she had was just before I married.

EM: That was a really bad time ..everyone in the country was going through an influenza epidemic, just after W.W.I. And what did your father do for a living?

MW: When he first came here he didn't know what to do because he should have been a professional man I guess. But on his death bed my mother said I guess I should never had you work so hard. And he said if I had my life to live over again, he said I would to get you as my wife, he said I would never have a doubt in my mind I would do anything over.

EM: That is pretty true love isn't it.

MW: Yes. When he first came to this town I think he ..what did they have with horses and buggies and wagons.

EM: A livery stable?

MW: Yes that was it. He had that and it was uptown on the..across the street on the right hand side. I think there's a bank there now.

EM: So on Main Street. By Glendale Savings? Berry Lane.

MW: Just about there. yes. And there was tracks that went down there too.

EM: The railroad tracks?

MW: Yes someplace down there. That burned down. So then what did he do after that? Oh, he bought a grocery store. He went into the grocery business.

EM: It was an existing grocery store he bought? Or did he start up his own.?

MW: That I don't know but my mother did work in that store for awhile. And there were. I remember when there were boardwalks uptown. and I remember across town there was a bridge with water, what they called a creek, would go underneath there and let me see. And that store was, what is there now. How long have you been here. (3-4 years) It was just the other side of Starr's Furniture Store. and you went upstairs.

EM: So it's beyond Copperfields (which was Starr Furn.Co.) Was it on the east side of the street or the west side?

MW: This side, the west side.

EM: And it was a second story beyond Copperfields. The coffee shop or Basso's but they don't have a second story.

MW: You know I haven't walked down that street in so long I don't know if they have that open or if they did away with the upstairs. But the family he sold it to was Rosbrough and he and his wife Mary I remember these names because I used to hear my mother and father speak of them. And they lived upstairs and had the grocery store down under. Then not far from there was a Townsend Drug store. I bet you heard of that. And then there was saloon on that same side of the street. And I heard my father tell some funny stories about that saloon.

EM: Can you remember any?

MW: Well I won't tell you the names of the people but anyway one night a man that lived that lived north of town came riding in on his horse and the swinging doors opened and he rode into the saloon on his horse. So I heard some funny stories about that.

EM: Were there a lot of saloons? Sebastopol at one time had a lot of them?

MW: Yes, yes, just like we had a lot of gas stations when they first came in. Cars came in so everybody owned one. But at one time, yes I think we had 14 saloons at one time. But you know I never had any fear of them when I walked downtown when I was a little girl. We were just as safe as in your own back yard. I'd walk downtown and there'd be sitting out with their heads hanging down, sitting out in the gutter/at the edge of the wooden boards.

EM: People from the saloons, too much to drink.

MW: Too much to drink and they'd tell them to get out and go home. So they'd sit on the edge on what we called the sidewalk in the gutter.

EM: We talked a little about your aunts and uncles do you have any favorite relatives? Aunts or uncles?

MW: Oh yes, I talked to one just the other day. I called him from ..he might be a doctor too(?) he went to war and his health gave out after that

EM: Who was that?

MW: Frank Walker, he's my auntie's child. She had just one child. We never had too many children in the family.

EM: Were they living here, in this area?

MW: No but they visited a lot.

EM: Because there are some Walker families around here. And you have brothers and sisters?

MW: I just have a sister living, My brother was in the first World War.

EM: And what is his name?

MW: Miller.

EM; What is his first name?

MW: Miller Henry Vaughn.

EM: Oh Miller is his first name. And what is your sister's name?

MW: Maybella.

EM: Your sister?

MW: Oh she wouldn't like me to tell that. Indiana. She didn't like that. Oh, Papa said I want her to be named for my mother so Mama didn't like that.

EM: She must have had a nickname, what was she known as?

MW: Maybella

EM: She didn't get to be named Indiana or did she.

MW: That was her middle name. Maybella India. Mama said I don't like that name Indiana. This is what I was told after I was born. So Mama had him write it in the bible as India. Oh sister how she disliked that name, everybody will think I have Indian blood in me.

EM: Do you remember Sebastopol when you were a little girl?

MW: Oh very much.

EM: What were your impressions of it what was it like?

MW: Well, just I always loved Sebastopol. I have always have loved Sebastopol.

EM: Course when you started the streets weren't even paved when you were little. They got paved later didn't they?

MW: It was all dirt down in front

EM: The train was around, do you remember the train to Santa Rosa?

MW: Yes I remember

EM: It got started around 1903

MW: I was just trying to think

EM: That's before you were born.

MW: Yes, I was born in '09 but they always have that I remember the first little depot the dep-o as they called it. I remember the first little wooden one then they moved that built the one. Isn't that a museum?

EM: Was there electricity?

MW: We had gas lights that papa would like with a wick. But they were big and would hang from .. and ordinary lamps, coal lamps.

EM: Kerosene and that sort of thing. Did you have a garden. Did you work in the garden?

MW: My mother had a beautiful flower garden. Father would build up beds and then he would make benches for her and for the ladies to sit on..for friends when they came. It looked like a miniature park from the fireplace all the way up in the back and always up to the walk. When they lived in San Francisco before they moved here, but my grandfather was living here and my uncle came here first and was living here and he had a house on what avenue, on Morris (now High) and then this house was built but no one had ever lived in it. I guess my grandfather saw this house as they finished it so he told mama and papa come on I've got a house and I want you to come on. So they came here and moved in here from San Francisco. But while they were living in San Francisco the unions were very strong then and they had a strike, I guess it was a teamster strike and so my father would see them kill a man with a brick. They hit him in the head and pulled him off the car, one of the streetcars, and beat that man because he was what do they call them, a scab. So then my father said that changed him around and anyway he wound up by getting a job as a scab in San Francisco.

EM: You mean with seeing that violence he was willing to take the chance?

MW: I guess that was it, it was the violence he saw that angered him enough that he wanted to help out. So they put him through training and it was McNab Smith, a big drayage company in San Francisco. And they trained him how to pack and so on and haul things with huge wagons. So that's what he did in town

EM: When he came here?

MW: Uh, huh when he came here. And then he couldn't stand the grocery store..I have had it ,I can't be locked up like that all day long. And so he was the first one started going to Santa Rosa....when the barn burnt. But he had a big wooden box, huge, he would put on the back of a buckboard and every day he would go over to Santa Rosa and from the store he had uptown, he would take laundry over to first street in Santa Rosa and they had a creek there, he used to talk about how high that creek was and ran over and so the people in town that didn't like to do their own washing they would take it down to the store in a big fabric bag and so then he would take it over to Santa Rosa and have it done whatever they wanted. And they he would bring home this big wooden box all fresh bread every day to sell in the store.

EM: From a bakery in Santa Rosa? Hmm

MW: That was before Sebastopol had any bakeries.

EM: People had to have a lot of different businesses didn't they?

MW: Yes, he enjoyed that. Mama said I think your papa enjoyed the ride over there getting out of the store, getting to ride over there and back and that's why he kept the store when he did but he sold it. But it was, I've always liked this little town. And I still do. There are a lot of changes, Oh there are so much. But changes are taking place all over the world.

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EM: Can you tell me something about your school years? Can you remember going to school? What was it like?

MW: I went to five different schools believe it or not.

EM: Really right here in this area?

MW: No, I started out in grammar school here and then my brother after he came back from the War he married a few years later so then when he moved to Richmond and so he wanted me to go down to live with he and his wife. I was a pet, I must have been a nice little girl because so many of the relatives would want me for over the weekend and so on. Anyway, brother said he wanted me to come down there. So I stayed down there and went to school there. He went to work at one of the big plants there in Pt. Richmond. After that my sister loved art and she loved drawing and painting. So she wanted to go to school, to learn shadowing. Then we moved to Oakland to an art school. We lived down there, with Mama. And Papa was here and would come down for the weekends or we would come up.

EM: You stayed with your brother or other relatives? In that area. Because your parents were here in Sebastopol? And you were staying down there and going to school.

MW: My mother was there while my sister was going to school in Oakland. When she was finished with art school then I came back here. That was three schools already. I went to Petaluma school because when she married she married a Petaluma boy and lived there. So in those days everybody was so if a woman began to show really with her pregnancy then she was reticent about going out to be seen out at least my sister was. So she would only go out in the evenings after it was dark. She would walk with her husband.

EM: What a life!

MW: And can you imagine that then she wanted me to come down and there I go again, in Petaluma and went to school down there and I did all the shopping and helped her out. And then

EM: Did you go to high school there or what age were you by that time?

MW: No I started and I then I went to this one, Analy. The boys, ...I'd better leave that out and tell you later.

EM: Did you have a nickname?

MW: Never did have a nickname.

EM: Was there anything in school you liked to study?

MW: I loved history, I loved geography. I loved everything but math and hygiene. Civics. I loved all that.

EM: Do you remember any favorite teacher?

MW: Yes, Oh my first one, my first grade teacher June Jones and Miss Henderson from second grade.

EM: Now that, what school was that? Was that here?

MW: Yes, and Lola Swain. There were three Swain girls. It was their father, who owned Swain Woods.

EM: And all the girls were teachers?

MW: yes

EM: What did you like doing most as a child? Did you play with games or have a favorite toy?

MW: I guess I was a tomboy when I was little. I guess it was game. Because when they did have electricity and we could play out we'd always play out in front of our place here. They had a light at the corner at the intersection and it was so much fun, tag and hide and seek.

EM: Did you have any pets?

MW: We had a dog or a cat.

EM: How about friends. Did you have friends you played with?

MW: Oh yes, most of them are dead. All of them have passed away. Isn't that awful. So many of them passed away. Some quite young.

EM: What is your happiest memory in your childhood?

MW: I just had so much happiness all the way. I had the greatest childhood. And I had the most wonderful marriage. He was a little, my husband was a little bit like my father. Believe it or not. My mother had black hair. But he (my father) had very light skin and sometimes on a hot day a little of rose to his cheek. But he had black hair, it must have been from the Irish blood or French, I don't know which. But he had grey eyes. So he was a nice looking man. My husband was a blonde and gray eyes and light skin. Our daughter is like that with gray eyes, everyone calls it blue eyes. And very fair skin.

EM: What is your daughter's name?

MW: Shirley Joy. We named here before she was born. We were hoping we'd have a girl. And we got her.

EM: Who was the first person to die in your family?

MW: My grandfather

EM: How old were you when he died?

MW: Three or four. But oh the lessons he taught me. I had two grandfathers living with us. They were as different as night and day and I bless each one of them because they taught me so much about life. One grandfather said we're all different and we all speak differently and he said don't ever forget the teachings of the bible. He used to take me to church when I could toddle because it was to the Adventist church because it was the closest. He said always turn your cheek in other words forgive. Now the other grandfather said if they do you wrong pick up the biggest stick you can find and go after them.

EM: Defend yourself. How did you reconcile those two teachings?

MW: It made it easy for me I don't know it has helped me out so many times in life I go by each one.

EM: Do you think you passed those ideals or values on to your child? The things your grandfathers taught you.

MW: Oh I was bound to, I guess I did because when my daughter was little and she would come in crying that so and so did something she didn't like I would say don't tell me tell them what you don't like and she'd go out and tell them.

EM: Teach her to be assertive

MW: So I think that's what it takes and as far as trying to teach them..you hear so much today self esteem. You never had to teach them that because they grew up to feel. I don't know, we never did have low esteem, it never entered my mind. I always never even thought about that.

EM: You had a loving home environment, your parents love you and show it helps a lot.

MW: I used to go on the wagon with my father and he'd have a big jockey box with a big wagon. It's a wooden box back here and he would always have candy and peanuts and chestnuts if it was that time of the year and anyway little things and I would go with him and as I told you earlier I just worshipped both my parents, mother and father. When we'd get out he would talk to me and tell me oh just about life. Father and daughter and he would open the jockey box and give me peanuts and candy you know we'd have that. If he had to stop, it was a long trip out in the country, mama would make little sandwiches for us and he'd put the feed bag on the horse, chunk, chunk, chunk, doesn't it sound delicious. I don't care if your stomach was full it would make me each as much as I did. I still think about dinner and so on and getting back to the kitchen and maybe that has crossed my mind, the horses and the feed bag. It's such a wonderful sound.

EM: Your husband died a few years ago didn't he?

MW: In 1991, Sept. 25.

EM: How old was he?

MW: My age now, 86. I was 82. Just about two weeks after he passed away my daughter and granddaughter of course had to work and couldn't help me with the cards and I believe it or not there were still some I couldn't finish. Two weeks after he left it's when I fell in the house and broke my hip for the first time. Then I broke it two other times within two months. So I've had a time with that. Grieving for him. So then the doctor Coolidge? He operated and said my bones were brittle. But he had Parkinson's disease (her husband). It's terrible. There's no cure. So little they know about it. That's what Billy Graham has now. And then I heard after that he was back in the hospital again.

EM: In your husband's working life..I know you were telling me about starting the tire business and that was in World War II time. When were you married?

MW: April 24, 1926.

EM: What was he doing then?

MW: He was supposed to have gone down, his mother was a manager at the Telephone company, and so he had an appointment in San Francisco with some man and to see about applying for a job at the phone company. His mother thought highly of that company she said she thought he'd do well there. Because they promoted their help. You didn't have to work any time at all you got a promotion. So he did and he went down and they told him yes and I didn't want to move down there. So he came back here and found a job, this was in the depression too. And he found a job on a milk truck. He delivered milk and then

EM: Who did he work for, most have been a dairy or creamery?

MW: Over in Santa Rosa. I forgot, I think it was Wild Rose. He'd have to go out to Kenwood to get the milk. He worked there and he learned this trade, served an apprenticeship. He came back to Sebastopol and started the tire shop, that was 1940. The war started in 1941. He had already been in one year. How was that, he was a 1A, I forgot.

EM: In the draft? If you were 1A you got drafted?

MW: He was 1A. First he wasn't because he was married, then he had a child - two dependents. So he wasn't 1A, he was something

EM: How old was he by that time.?

MW: He was thirty. We thought surely he would have to go. They were just beginning to draft them. When he opened this shop and was still getting letters from government that he was draft (?) and ready to go then he had another letter to say because of his business and he was supposed to take over this area and Bodega and all those places it was the only tire shop around other than Santa Rosa and so then they changed him (his classification) I forgot what it was anyway that you were needed more at home. We had the shades that had to go way up high. And he would work and put blankets and everything to make the shop. At that time we were on Burnett St. We rented. Then he wanted to own our property and Burnett St. was getting too congested and there wasn't enough parking. We bought the place where we are now on Sebastopol Road at Petaluma.

EM: Tell me about some of the things you've done through your life, have you gone traveling?

MW: Yes, I'm so glad we did because we both enjoyed it so much.

EM: Where did you go?

MW: We didn't go to the Balkan states but we went to..Europe. We saw were all our ancestors came from.

EM: So you've been in France, England, Ireland.

MW: Ireland is nice but I don't care for the weather.

EM: It must rain a lot, it's so green.

MW: Yes, fog. I didn't care for that. England has fog too. No wonder they have such lovely skin.

EM: Did you travel throughout those countries or did you find places where you family lived?

MW: No I didn't do that. We went, because we didn't know so many people have traveled there they go to one place and stay there. I told my husband you'll never get out to see all the things I want to see. We wanted to go to the Holy Land too. And that is what we talked about when we were engaged about going to the Holy Land.

EM: Did you go on your own or with a group?

MW: We had Maxine Chaparratti (sp?) our travel agent and she would fix these trips, these package trips and we saw so much more that way then if we had gone on our own without any plans. We had a regular itinerary and saw so much more. Then we went to all the countries where they are fighting. We would hear that and they would try to cover up shots for the guns and so on. In Lebanon, it 's such a beautiful place but all the buildings are full of holes.

EM: So you were there after they'd had some strife?

MW: Yes, I remember reading before we ever left that had two brothers in this family and the father had something happen to him, this was in Lebanon, so they killed him and that's when the fighting started. So then the other son took his place then they really, didn't like him at all and started fighting among themselves. So many of their fights are about religion. They call them Islams. .....and then Iran, that's where this rug came from. We saw them making rugs. The way they make them.. We sat outside on the verandah and we'd go in and it was so hot inside, you'd want to get out.

EM: Do you remember what year it was you were traveling? In Iran and Lebanon?

MW: Let's see..we started in the 70's and in the 80's it was either 1979, 1981 I don't know. So much has happened.

EM: Have you traveled much in the United States?

MW: All over, except to see the leaves (In New England) in Vermont, Michigan yes all those. Always put those off. But we did get to see Alaska, my husband always loved that being a fisherman and hunter. We went on a cruise..through the Panama Canal. So we got off the ship and went into some of those places.

My husband and daughter go off more places than I did. Anyway that and the middle east I loved that region. And all the pyramids. There's one that allows you in except if you have high blood pressure. So that let me out I couldn't go. And I have read since that I often wondered why just because you have high blood pressure you can't go in. Then I read an article about it in the Democrat. It said they were going to renovate all of that and take something in there and blow it all out because it has never had that done to it. People were becoming ill.

EM: Dust or something?

MW: They have a name for it. Some type of illness they were getting. They were going to put in these big hoses or some kind of tubes, huge things and blow it all out. And clean it thoroughly. We stayed at a hotel where we could see the pyramids and I'll tell you another think that was funny about the trip. I had read about the people...if you're of a different religion.. One night I was asleep and my husband was sound asleep and I awakened and heard this noise and I thought oh that's what I read about. Those people were in a prayer session and were chanting and going through all this chant...Allah, Allah. I was just lying there awake and listening to it and the window was open, cause it was so hot. My husband woke up and said what is that? Are you all right? I said yes I'm all right. he said what is that, what's going on? I said that's the people chanting and now you're awake let's get up and look out the window. We did and they had all the lights on in this place and there they all were chanting. So many of them had their head down to pray. They are all religious. They get down on their knees their buttocks are up and their head, the men especially. The women were still wearing, the older ones would have this black veil (with eyes just peeking out) I think their nose was out. I don't know how they breathe. Anyway that was funny we did learn alot. Traveling, having a better understanding the different countries.

EM: I'm almost out of time on my tape Is there any other thing you'd like to add?

MW: Except when we'd get home we'd say to ourselves there's no place like home. Sebastopol is such a dear little town I just love it.